

Title: God's Plan of Redemption

Intro/Thesis Statement: One can gain a vast knowledge of the Law simply by assessing its role in terms of its usage in the Old Testament, the New Testament, and finally in the epistle of Paul to the Romans. (Quote from "Is the Old Testament Law Useful Today?"-Web page by Costi Hinn, on the confusion of the Law in the Church today)

Theme: The Law

- I. Main Point 1: The Law's Role in the Old Testament
 - A. Supporting Detail 1: The Law's overall purpose. (Quote from "The Giving of the Law-Part 2"-Web page by Bob Deffinbaugh, on God's holy character and man's unholiness)
 1. Sub-point 1: The Law was given to God's chosen people.
 2. Sub-point 2: God's reasons behind each and every ordinance. (Quote from "The Giving of the Law-Part 2"-Web page by Bob Deffinbaugh, about principles behind every law)
 - B. Supporting Detail 2: God was always concerned with the matters of the heart. (Quote from "The Giving of the Law-Part 2"-Web page by Bob Deffinbaugh, of God's design for the Law always being a matter of the heart)
 1. Sub-point 1: God and his character never changes.
 2. Sub-point 2: The Law was merely a shadow of things to come. (Paraphrase from "The Giving of the Law-Part 2"-Web page by Bob Deffinbaugh, on the forward-looking aspect to these ordinances of the Law)
- II. Main Point 2: The Role of the Law in the New Testament.
 - A. Supporting Detail 1: Christ came to fulfill the Law. (Quote from "The NIV Application Commentary-Romans."-By Douglas J. Moo, on the redemptive work of Christ) (Quote from "Freedom in Christ"-Web page by Burk Parsons, about the accomplishments of Christ on our behalf)
 1. Sub-point 1: Righteousness is obtainable by faith, not by works.
 2. Sub-point 2: We are now under the Law of Christ, or the general law of God. (Paraphrase from "The NIV Application Commentary-Romans."-By Douglas J. Moo, on God's general law)
 - B. Supporting Detail 2: The purpose of the Law in our lives today.
 1. Sub-point 1: The Law is a reflection of God and his character
 2. Sub-point 2: The Law reflects what it is that God's desires of his people. (Quote from "Is the Old Testament Law Useful Today?"-Web page by Costi Hinn, on how God is holy and expects his people to be set apart)

- III. Main Point 3: The Role of the Law in Paul's Epistle to the Romans.
 - A. Supporting Detail 1: Paul's overall purpose for writing the epistle to the Romans.
 - 1. Sub-point 1: There is always a specific reason behind writing any letter.
 - 2. Sub-point 2: The epistle to the Romans was written to address the Jew/Gentile situation at Rome. (Quote from "Romans and Reconciliation."-By Dr, Randy Colver, on the specific needs of Rome)
 - B. Supporting Detail 2: Paul's reasoning for referencing the Law in his epistle to the Romans.
 - 1. Sub-point 1: The Jews in Rome were boasting of having been the one's chosen to receive the Mosaic Law from God.
 - 2. Sub-point 2: The reconciliation of both Jewish and Gentile Christians through the fulfillment of the Law in the redemptive work of Christ. (Quote from "Romans and Reconciliation."-By Dr. Randy Colver, about righteousness by faith, rather than by works)

Conclusion/Reiteration of Thesis: (Quote from "The Giving of the Law-Part 2."-Web page by Bob Deffinbaugh, on knowing the Scriptures, God's plan of redemption, and God Himself)